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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 PROPERTY AND
BUSINESS LOSS LITIGATION

WORLD TRADE CENTER PROPERTIES LLC,
1 WORLD TRADE CENTER LLC, 3 WORLD
TRADER CENTER LLC, AND 7 WORLD TRADE
COMPANY, L.P.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC., AMR
CORPORATION, UNITED AIRLINES, INC.,
UAL CORPORATION, MASSACHUSETTS
PORT AUTHORITY, THE BOEING COMPANY,
DELTA AIR LINES, INC., CONTINENTAL
AIRLINES, INC., COLGAN AIR, INC., US
AIRWAYS, INC., US AIRWAYS GROUP, INC.,
MIDWAY AIRLINES CORPORATION,
HUNTLEIGH USA CORPORATION, ICTS
INTERNATIONAL, N.V., GLOBE AVIATION
SERVICES CORPORATION, BURNS
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES
CORPORATION, BURN INTERNATIONAL
SERVICES CORPORATION, PINKERTON'S
INC., and SECURITAS AB,

Defendants.

No. 21 MC 101 (AKH)

Civ. Action No. 08 Civ. 3722

**DEFENDANT THE BOEING
COMPANY'S ANSWER TO THE
WTCP PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT**

Defendant The Boeing Company (“Boeing”) submits the following answer to the complaint dated April 17, 2008 (the “Complaint”) filed by World Trade Center Properties LLC, 1 World Trade Center LLC, 3 World Trade Center LLC (formerly named 5 World Trade Center LLC), and 7 World Trade Company, L.P. (collectively referred to as the “WTCP Plaintiffs”):

Boeing objects to the unnumbered opening paragraphs of the Complaint, which improperly characterize the Complaint as being in compliance with the Court’s March 18, 2008 Order permitting WTCP Plaintiffs to re-cast their cross-claims, pending in the 21 MC 97 litigation, as direct claims in the 21 MC 101 litigation under a new civil action number. The present Complaint fails to comply with that Order because it does not “solely re-cast” WTCP Plaintiffs’ cross-claims herein as the Court’s Order directs.

INTRODUCTION

1. To the extent that the allegations contained in numbered paragraph 1 are legal conclusions, no answer is required and none is given. Boeing admits that the One World Trade Center, Five World Trade Center, and Seven World Trade Center buildings were damaged on September 11, 2001. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants or involve other parties, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing, Boeing denies them.

2. To the extent that the allegations contained in paragraphs 2 through 4 are legal conclusions, no answer is required and none is given. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing, Boeing denies them.

3. Answering the allegations contained in paragraph 5, Boeing admits "that section 408(a)(1) of the Air Transportation Safety and system Stabilization Act of 2001, Pub. L. No. 107-42, 115 Stat. 230 (2001), as amended on November 19, 2001 and January 23, 2002, see Pub. L. No. 107-71, 115 Stat. 631 (2001) and Pub. L. No. 107-134, 115 Stat. 2435 (2002) (codified at 49 U.S.C. § 40101) (the "Act") limits the aggregate liability of each defendant for damages to 'an amount not greater than the limits of liability insurance' that defendant maintained on September 11." To the extent that the remaining allegations in paragraph 5 are legal conclusions, no answer is required and none is given. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing, Boeing denies them.

JURISDICTION

4. The allegations contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 are legal conclusions to which no answer is required and none is given.

PARTIES

The WTCP Plaintiffs

5. Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs 8 through 11, and therefore denies same.

Defendants

6. The allegations contained in paragraphs 12 through 16 are directed at other defendants and no response is required from Boeing. If a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them.

7. Boeing admits the allegations contained in paragraph 17.

8. The allegations contained in paragraphs 18 through 31 are directed at other defendants and no response is required from Boeing. If a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them.

**CLAIM ONE FOR NEGLIGENCE AGAINST
ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT BOEING**

9. Answering paragraph 32, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 32 as though fully set forth herein.

10. To the extent the allegations contained in paragraphs 33 through 43 are directed at other defendants and/or are legal conclusions, no response is required from Boeing. If a response is required, Boeing admits that American Airlines Flight 11 departed from Logan Airport on September 11, 2001, and was hijacked and crashed into One World Trade Center. For the remaining allegations, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed against Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

**CLAIM TWO FOR NEGLIGENCE SELECTION
AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT BOEING
AND THE SECURITY COMPANY DEFENDANTS**

11. Answering paragraph 44, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 43 as though fully set forth herein.

12. To the extent the allegations contained in paragraphs 44 through 49 are directed at other defendants and/or are legal conclusions, no response is required from Boeing. If a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations and therefore denies them.

**CLAIM THREE BASED ON *RES IPSA LOQUITUR*
AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS EXCEPT BOEING**

13. Answering paragraph 50, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 49 as though fully set forth herein.

14. The allegations contained in paragraph 51 through 53 are directed at other defendants and/or are legal conclusions and no response is required from Boeing. If a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them.

**CLAIM FOUR BASED ON STRICT LIABILITY
AGAINST BOEING, AMERICAN AND AMR**

15. Answering paragraph 54, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 53 as though fully set forth herein.

16. Answering paragraph 55, Boeing admits that it manufactured the aircraft operated on September 11, 2001 as American Airlines Flight 11 (the "subject aircraft") except for those components, parts, and systems of the subject aircraft manufactured by others, and the parts that were subsequently removed, installed, exchanged, altered, modified, retrofitted, overhauled, or manufactured by others. To the extent that the remaining allegations are conclusions of law, no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

17. Answering paragraph 56, Boeing admits that it manufactured the subject aircraft according to design specifications, except for those components, parts, and systems of the subject aircraft manufactured by others, and the parts that were subsequently removed, installed, exchanged, altered, modified, retrofitted, overhauled, or manufactured by others. To the extent that the remaining allegations are conclusions of law, no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants, no response is required

from Boeing or, if a response is required from Boeing, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

18. To the extent that the allegations contained in paragraphs 57 through 59 are conclusions of law, no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants or involve other parties, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required from Boeing, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

**CLAIM FIVE FOR NEGLIGENCE DESIGN AND/OR
MANUFACTURE AGAINST ALL BOEING, AMERICAN AND AMR**

19. Answering paragraph 60, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 59 as though fully set forth herein.

20. Answering paragraph 61, Boeing admits that it is in the business of designing and manufacturing transport category aircraft and that it manufactured the subject aircraft according to design specifications, except for those components, parts, and systems of the subject aircraft manufactured by others, and the parts that were subsequently removed, installed, exchanged, altered, modified, retrofitted, overhauled, or manufactured by others. To the extent that the remaining allegations are conclusions of law, no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

21. To the extent that the allegations contained in paragraphs 62 through 65 are conclusions of law, no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining

allegations are directed at other defendants or involve other parties, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required from Boeing, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that the remaining allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

CLAIM SIX FOR CONTRIBUTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

22. Answering paragraph 66, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65 as though fully set forth herein.

23. The allegations contained in paragraph 67 are conclusions of law, and no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants or involve other parties, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required from Boeing, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that any allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

CLAIM SEVEN FOR INDEMNIFICATION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

24. Answering paragraph 68, Boeing herein incorporates by references its answers to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 67 as though fully set forth herein.

25. The allegations contained in paragraph 69 are conclusions of law, and no response is required and none is given. To the extent the remaining allegations are directed at other defendants or involve other parties, no response is required from Boeing or, if a response is required from Boeing, Boeing is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore denies them. To the extent that any allegations are directed at Boeing and a response is required, Boeing denies them.

ALL COUNTS

26. Any allegation in the Complaint not expressly responded to above is denied.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

By way of further answer to the Complaint, Boeing asserts the following affirmative defenses:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

27. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

28. Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act," provides an exclusive federal cause of action for all claims arising from the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001. To the extent the Complaint asserts causes of action other than that provided for by this legislation, those causes of action must be dismissed as a matter of law.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

29. WTCP Plaintiffs' alleged damages were caused by the unforeseeable, intervening, and/or superseding acts of third parties, for which Boeing is not responsible.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

30. The Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (Public Law 5-726, 72 Stat. 731, formerly codified as 49 U.S.C. § 1301, et seq. now re-codified and incorporated into 49 U.S.C. § 40101 et seq.), and the federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, establish the uniform and exclusive standards that airplane manufacturers must follow for aviation safety and security, and these federal standards preempt state law design standards which plaintiffs allege that Boeing violated. Boeing complied with these federal standards, and the subject airplanes were certified as airworthy by the Federal Aviation Administration, thus precluding a finding of liability against Boeing.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

31. Boeing hereby places at issue the negligence, fault and responsibility of all persons and entities, including but not limited to the WTCP Plaintiffs and other plaintiffs in the

21 MC 101 action, who may have contributed in any degree to the injuries, damages and/or losses alleged to have been sustained by plaintiffs, in proportion to each person's degree of negligence, fault or responsibility. Judgment, if any, against Boeing should be reduced to an amount that represents its proportionate share of plaintiffs' total damages, if any.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

32. WTCP Plaintiffs' recovery must be diminished, in whole or in part, as a result of their own negligence and/or other culpable conduct. *See* N.Y.C.P.L.R. § 1411.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

33. To the extent that WTCP Plaintiffs' claims are based on common law or statutory law of the individual states requiring airplane manufacturers to design airplanes to standards different from or inconsistent with the obligations imposed by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (Public Law 5-726, 72 Stat. 731, formerly codified as 49 U.S.C. § 1301 et seq. and now re-codified and incorporated as 49 U.S.C. § 40101 et seq.) and the federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, they are barred by Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act."

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. Recovery by WTCP Plaintiffs, if any, should be reduced by any collateral source payment that has been or will be paid to plaintiffs in accordance with the applicable state law as may be derived by this Court from New York law, including its choice of law principles.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. Boeing's liability, if any, must be limited to its proportionate share in accordance with the applicable state law as may be derived by this Court from New York law, including its choice of law principles.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. If WTCP Plaintiffs release or enter into a covenant not to sue or enforce a judgment with any other persons claimed to be liable for WTCP Plaintiffs' damages, the amount recoverable against Boeing must be reduced in accordance with the applicable law as may be derived by this Court from New York law, including its choice of law principles.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. WTCP Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages.

TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. Pursuant to Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act," the amount of damages recoverable from Boeing shall not be in an amount greater than the limits of liability insurance coverage maintained by Boeing.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. WTCP Plaintiffs have failed to join all necessary and indispensable parties.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. Damages, compensatory and punitive, may be barred or limited by applicable state law as may be derived by this Court from New York law, including its choice of law principles.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

41. WTCP Plaintiffs' claims against Boeing may be barred by the anti-subrogation rule.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

42. WTCP Plaintiffs' claims may be barred by applicable statutes of limitations.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

43. The damages alleged in the Complaint occurred, in whole or in part, as a result of the intentional, knowing, or negligent misuse of the subject airplanes.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

44. To the extent the Complaint alleges claims based on an alleged breach of warranty, such claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the absence of privity between WTCP Plaintiffs and Boeing and/or by lack of proper notice to Boeing.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

45. To the extent the Complaint alleges claims based on an alleged breach of warranty, such claims are barred, in whole or in part, because Boeing did not make any warranties to WTCP Plaintiffs with respect to the subject airplanes or any of their component parts.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

46. To the extent the Complaint alleges claims based on an alleged breach of warranty, such claims are barred, in whole or in part, because WTCP Plaintiffs are not third-party beneficiaries of any warranties that Boeing may have made.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

47. To the extent the Complaint alleges claims based on an alleged breach of warranty, plaintiffs' right to recovery, if any, are limited to or precluded by the warranty provisions in Boeing's contract of sale for the product.

TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

48. If WTCP Plaintiffs were damaged by products originally sold by Boeing, that product was substantially altered or misused by person and/or entities other than Boeing and over whom Boeing had no control or right of control, without Boeing's knowledge, consent or advice, following the date of initial manufacture and the sale of such products, and such alteration or misuse proximately caused the events in the Complaint and the resulting damages.

TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

49. The design of the subject airplanes, and each component thereof that was installed at the time of delivery, was consistent with the "state of the art" at the time of their design and manufacture.

TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

50. WTCP Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the state secrets doctrine.

TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

51. WTCP Plaintiffs' claims must be dismissed to the extent that relevant evidence required by Boeing to mount its defense is prohibited from disclosure by 14 CFR § 1520 *et seq.* as Sensitive Security Information.

TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

52. WTCP Plaintiffs' alleged damages were caused by an act of war.

TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

53. WTCP Plaintiffs' alleged damages were remote and not a reasonably foreseeable consequence of any alleged conduct by Boeing; therefore, Boeing owed no duty to plaintiffs as a matter of law and cannot be held liable for their alleged damages.

TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

54. The Complaint must be dismissed because the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over this case because it presents a non-justiciable political question.

TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

55. WTCP Plaintiffs are barred from recovery of alleged damages in respect of business interruption or other economic loss unaccompanied by, or not caused by, physical property damage.

THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

56. WTCP Plaintiffs are barred from recovery in respect of alleged damage to property or improvements incurred as a result of debris, fire, soot, smoke or water, to the extent the allegedly damaged property or improvements were not adjacent to property or improvements struck by aircraft on September 11, 2001.

THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

57. To the extent WTCP Plaintiffs' alleged damages were caused or contributed to by the acts or omissions of public authorities or others acting under color of state law, Boeing cannot be held liable for WTCP Plaintiffs' alleged damages.

THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

58. WTCP Plaintiffs are barred from recovery of alleged damages in excess of the lesser of (a) the cost of restoring the alleged damaged or destroyed property to its original condition, or (b) the diminution in market value caused by Boeing's and/or any other defendant's alleged negligence.

THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

59. WTCP Plaintiffs' Complaint should be dismissed to the extent that it is based upon alleged rights of subrogation that are invalid or have been waived under applicable law.

THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

60. WTCP Plaintiffs are barred from recovery of alleged damages to the extent those damages are inflated, duplicative or otherwise improper.

THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

61. WTCP Plaintiffs' alleged damages were not proximately caused by any negligence or culpable conduct on the part of Boeing, their agents, or employees.

THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

62. WTCP Plaintiffs may lack capacity and/or standing to maintain this action.

Boeing hereby reserves the right to add affirmative defenses as necessary based on information obtained during investigation or discovery. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to impose upon Boeing any burden of proof not imposed by applicable substantive law.

WHEREFORE, Boeing demands judgment dismissing the Complaint in its entirety or, alternatively, judgment limiting its liability pursuant to the foregoing, together with costs and disbursements and such other and further relief in its favor which this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

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I, Eric S. Lent, certify that on May 12, 2008, a copy of DEFENDANT THE BOEING COMPANY'S ANSWER TO ANSWER TO THE WTCP PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT was served upon the below-listed parties by electronic mail, with a copy by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, in accordance with the March 2005 Order Creating Property Damage Track and Reorganizing Committees in 21 MC 97 and 21 MC 101:

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